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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The General Mark Clark Task Force

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1.  briefed Colonel Lane on the Operation and Liaison Branch of the Finance Division this afternoon.

2. Colonel Lane was apparently very surprised and pleased that we have controls in effect on stations, individuals, and projects. He asked specifically if we now have controls

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3. He took the time to go thru each section and looked at material which was being worked on. He thought the station accounting is well documented and amazed that we get monthly accountings.

4. He inspected an agent's accounting and was apparently glad to see that sensitive true name receipts which were retained in the foreign division were made available for the inspection by the auditors. He made a comment something to the effect that he was glad that security was not carried to an extreme in this regard.

5. He was apparently under the impression that the Agency had one large account which furnished funds for entertainment, and was impressed with the fact that entertainment costs were charged to the project just as any other type of expense, and further, that there are regulations concerning the use of funds for entertainment which serve as audit criteria.

6. He was interested in the fact that due dates are established for advances and that follow-up practices are in effect.

7. He was apparently pleased with the geographic breakdown of the Operation and Liaison Branch with a Certifying Officer set up to handle an Area Division within DD/P.

8. He commented favorably on personnel and on the fact that people with overseas experience are occupying a large percentage of the positions.

9. His questions indicated that he apparently does have an understanding of the Agency's covert activities and the reasons behind many of our peculiar activities and requirements in the administrative line.

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